

Wednesday, November 1

6:30 pm—9:00 pm **Pre-Conference Registration**
Ballroom Hallway

7:00 pm—9:00 pm **Opening Reception**
Ballroom
Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

Hosts: **The Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn**, Chief Judge, Delaware Family Court

Carlyse Giddins, Director, Division of Family Services

7:00 pm—8:00 pm **Welcoming Remarks**
Ballroom

The Honorable Myron T. Steele, Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court

The Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn, Chief Judge, Delaware Family Court

Thursday, November 2

8:00 am—9:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am—11:00 am **Opening Session**

Welcome

The Honorable Cari DeSantis, Secretary, Delaware Children's Department

Remarks

Joan Ohl, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn, Chief Judge, Delaware Family Court

Keynote Address: A Pair of Dimes ...and Children's Time

Speaker: **The Honorable William Byars, Jr.**
Hosts: **The Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn**, Chief Judge, Delaware Family Court
Leann Summa, Esq., Co-Director of Legal Affairs, Family Court

Judge William Byars, Jr. will discuss the impact the current process has on the child's perceptions and experiences, the effect that delay and uncertainty has on children, and how current system operations are designed to address the needs of adults rather than those of children.

10:45 am—11:00 am **Break**

Thursday, November 2

11:00 am—12:30 pm **Breakout Session A: Child and Family Services Review: The Courts and Child Protection Agencies-Working Together to Improve Children's Issues**

Speakers: **Joan Ohl**
Jerry Milner
Hosts: **Keith Zirkle**, Administrator, Division of Family Services
Mike Peyser, Quality Assurance and Data Manager, Division of Family Services

This breakout session will focus on how child protection agencies and the Courts can collaborate to improve children's outcomes.

11:00 am—12:30 pm **Breakout Session B: Court Improvement Project-Where Delaware Has Been, What Delaware Has Done and Where Delaware is Heading**

Speakers: **The Honorable Kenneth Millman**
The Honorable Mardi Pyott
The Honorable Robert Coonin
Dr. Marsha Miller, Research Consultant
Loretta Deshields, Senior Program Director, CASA, CIP

Discussion includes results from the recent reassessment of Delaware's Court Improvement Project and highlights of the systemic changes made in Delaware Family Court over the last five years in the area of Dependency, Neglect and Abuse.

11:00 am—12:30 pm **Breakout Session C: Abuse Intervention Committee and Delaware State Police**

Speakers: **Mariann Kenville-Moore**, Department of Justice
Sgt. Randy Fisher, Statewide Domestic Violence Policy/Training Coordinator
Hosts: **The Honorable Carl Danberg**, Attorney General for the State of Delaware
Col. Thomas F. Macleish, Superintendent, Delaware State Police

Ms. Kenville-Moore and members of the Abuse Intervention Committee will lead the discussion on providing training on the cross reporting procedures for agencies involved in child abuse investigations, according to the recently updated Memorandum of Understanding.

12:30 pm—1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm—1:35 pm **Remarks** by Justice Randy Holland, Supreme Court

1:35 pm—2:35 pm **Plenary Session-PEW Commission Report**

Speaker: **Susan Badeau**, Deputy Director of the Pew Commission
Hosts: **The Honorable Robert Coonin**, Associate Judge, Delaware Family Court

Ms. Badeau will present a summary of the Pew Commission report.

2:35 pm—2:45 pm **Break (Refreshments)**

2:45 pm—4:15 pm **Breakout Session A: Child and Family Services Review: The Courts and Child Protection Agencies-Working Together to Improve Children's Issues**
(see above for Speakers and Hosts)

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Friday, November 3

8:00 am—9:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am—10:00 am **Opening Session**
Welcome

Carlyse Giddins, Director, Division of Family Services
Keynote Address: Changing Lives By Changing Systems

Speaker: **The Honorable Kathleen Blatz**, Former Chief Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court
Hosts: **Carlyse Giddins**, Director, Division of Family Services
Andrea Shaffer, Esq., Director, Special Court Services, Delaware Family Court

Chief Justice Blatz will discuss how Courts make a difference in the child protection process.

10:00 am—11:30 am **Breakout Session A: Through The Eyes Of Children: Former Foster Youth Speak**

Host: **Laura Miles**, Deputy Director, Division of Family Services

A panel of youth and young adults who have personally experienced foster care and the child protection system will describe the impact of the court process. The film "Through the Eyes of Children" produced by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption will be shown.

10:00 am—11:30 am **Breakout Session B: Promoting a Coordinated & Integrated Juvenile Justice System: Improving Outcomes for Dual Jurisdiction Youth & Families**

Speaker: **John A. Tuell**, Director, CWLA-Juvenile Justice Systems Integration Initiative and the Juvenile Justice Division
Hosts: **The Honorable David Jones**, Commissioner, Family Court
Rachelle Wells, Esq., Law Clerk, Family Court

Mr. John Tuell will identify the federal statutes/mandates regarding child welfare and juvenile justice coordination, as well as aspects of screening and assessment, case management, case planning and case supervision that can be improved when addressing the needs of dual or multi-system youth and families. He will also discuss new collaborative roles and responsibilities for staff and case managers in a competency-based environment.

10:00 am—11:30 am **Breakout Session C: Juvenile Justice Reform (Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues)**

Speakers: **Susan Cycyk**, Director, Division of Child Mental Health Services
Nancy Pearsall, Director, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Hosts: **Dr. Marc Richman**, Deputy Director, Division of Child Mental Health Services
Islanda Finamore, Esq., Family Court Law Clerk

Focus will be on Delaware's plan to transform juvenile justice. They will share past successes, future challenges and opportunities for partnership.

11:30 am—12:15 pm **Lunch**

12:15 pm—1:45 pm **Plenary Session-Creating a New Normal**

Speaker: **Lou Tice**, President, The Pacific Institute
Host: **Jody Huber, Esq.**, Director of Pro Se Services, Family Court

Discussion will be on the challenges of change for organizations, their leaders, their staff and how to meet the challenge.

1:45 pm—2:00 pm **Break (Refreshments)**

2:00 pm—3:00 pm **State of Delaware: Local System of Care Collaborative**

- A. Sussex County Collaborative** with **The Honorable Kenneth Millman**
- B. Kent County Collaborative** with **The Honorable Mardi Pyott**
- C. New Castle County Collaborative** with **The Honorable Robert Coonin**

3:00 pm **Closing Remarks** by **The Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn** and **Carlyse Giddins**